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Subject: DOT STIP
Support for Lynn Canal Highway

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the STIP. I would ask that DOT continue to fund the Lynn Canal Highway Project. I work in Juneau and Skagway and have travelled this route all times of the year by sea and air. The Alaska Marine Highway System operation is a weight on our state's budget and is costly to maintain and replace. The ferries are difficult to schedule so that they are user friendly and many cannot afford to go on the ferry that could go on a road. This leg of the ferry system would be better served by a road system. In addition to Juneau and the remainder of Southeast Alaska the communities of Haines and Skagway as well as the rest of Alaska and even the Yukon will greatly benefit from the opportunity to have access to the hub of southeast and the capital of Alaska. This is not simply a Juneau or a Skagway or Haines issue. If a road can actually be built then Alaskans deserve full consideration of this project by the State of Alaska as it will open up great opportunity for commerce, recreation and travel.

Sincerely,
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